GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Licene for Setting up of FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government issues licenses for setting up of Food Processing Industries (FPI) in the country and if so, the details and the norms/criterion thereof;

(b) the details of requests received from various States for issue of such licenses specifying the requests which have been approved and pending during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance, soft loan provided by the Government to establish food processing industries during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not issue license for setting up of Food Processing Industries (FPI) in the country. However, licenses/registrations are being issued to Food Business Operators under Section 31 of Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 to commence or carry on any food business. The procedure and norms for obtaining license/registration have been prescribed under Food Safety and Standards (FSS) (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011. The FSS Act, 2006 is administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The FSS Regulations 2011 have been issued by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established under the FSS Act, 2006.

(b) As per information provided by FSSAI, license/ registration to the Food Business Operators (FBOs) are issued as per the provisions prescribed under Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulation, 2011 as and when the application for grant of license/registration are received from FBOs. The details of licenses/registration issued by States/UTs till date is given at Annexure-I.

(c) The details of financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid provided by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation, Establishment, Modernisation of Food Processing Industries during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are given at Annexure − II.
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